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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Allen McTeer

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: 2811

Filed: October 22, 2001

Examiner: D. Owens

For: USE OF AlN AS COPPER PASSIVATION  
LAYER AND THERMAL CONDUCTOR

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
patent application as follows:

**In the Specification**

On page 2, before the “Field of the Invention,” insert the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of application Ser. No. 09/547,926, filed on April 11, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Approved for filing

### In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-21 and 36-57.

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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

A paragraph was added to the specification to include a reference to prior application Ser. 09/547,926, filed on April 11, 2000, as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2). No new matter was added.

Claims 1-21 and 36-57 have been canceled. The pending application now contains claims 22-35.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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